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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 AND 5 - 17 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 - 4, 6 and 15 - 17 have been amended to avoid the 35 U.S.C. §112 objection noted in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claim 14 has been written in independent form. Accordingly, claims 2 - 4, 7 - 12, 14 and 16 - 17 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Notice of Appeal directed to claims 1, 6, 13 and 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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